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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Company Principal Coordinators,

WYO Vendors, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Servicing

Agent, and Independent Adjusting Firms

FROM:

Roy E. Wright

Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: Suspension of HiRise Engineering and Matthew Pappalardo from

Most Government-Related Work

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Suspension and Debarment Official suspended HiRise Engineering and Matthew Pappalardo from conducting future business with any agency in the executive branch/effective August 8, 2016. This means that participating Write Your Own companies, as fiscal agents of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Direct Servicing Agent, and other entities doing business on behalf of the federal government should cease entering into contracts or other business obligations with HiRise Engineering or Matthew Pappalardo for any government-related work until the suspension or any subsequent debarment is lifted.

A contractor or other entity that is suspended is ineligible for future contracts and other non-procurement activities (such as grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, contracts of assistance, loans, loan guarantees, subsidies, insurance, payments for specified use, and donation agreements) and cannot act as an agent or representative of other participants in Federal assistance programs.

A suspended contractor is also excluded from conducting business with the government as agents or representatives of other contractors.

As FEMA has noted previously, FEMA expects its partners to share its values of putting survivors first. That's why FEMA is reviewing flood insurance claims from Hurricane Sandy to make sure it pays out every dollar owed to policy holders under their policies.

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Flood insurance remains the most powerful tool Americans have to protect themselves from the most common and costly disaster seen in our nation. FEMA remains committed to improving and reforming this important program.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact Tony Hake, Director of the Product Delivery Division, at <u>Lloyd.hake@fema.dhs.gov</u>.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

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